

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 27

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Rev. Dawn Chesser

“The Only Way Forward”

1 Corinthians 12:12–26

Noonday Worship

includes Holy Communion open to all

Wednesday, January 30

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Chuck Starks

Wednesday Fellowship Lunch is served in room 118 following the service. Lunch is \$8 and includes salad and dessert. For lunch reservations, call 524-3048 or email reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

General Conference Special Session: Feb. 23–26



The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the **Commission on a Way Forward** based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. For details and a link to the report, visit www.umc.org



How to contact Holston Conference Delegates

If you wish to write to the delegates of the Holston Conference you may send an email message to:

delegation@holston.org

Messages are forwarded to each member of the Holston Conference delegation.



A SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS

Sunday, January 27, 4:00 pm in the Church Street Chapel

This service is open to all who are weary in mind, body, or spirit, as well as any who desire a calming, meditative worship. Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered, as well as anointing with holy oil, candle-lighting, and the soothing sacred music of harpist Anne Jackson and vocalist Matthew Mimbs. Why not join others who have found solace and reassurance in this reflective worship gathering.

VOICES UNITED Resurrection 2019

This weekend, Church Street Youth Director Jenny Cross will take 84 youth and adults to this year's Resurrection event held in Pigeon Forge. The weekend is packed with worship and spiritual growth opportunities, and includes live music performances from I AM THEY, as well as showcasing regional youth talent. The speaker this year is Jorge Acevedo, Lead Pastor at Grace Church in Southwest Florida. Keep Jenny, our youth participants, and adult chaperones in your prayers as they experience this joy-filled weekend together.

Youth will meet on **Friday, Jan. 25 at 5 p.m.** in the Youth Department for dinner and a brief meeting before leaving. They will return on **Sunday, Jan. 27 by 3 p.m.**

Four Course Fellowship Sign-Ups Ending Soon!

Deadline is Monday, Jan. 28

Don't miss your opportunity to become a part of one of the next Four Course Fellowship dinner groups at CSUMC! Enjoy a relaxed evening with fellow parishioners in a small group setting over a shared meal. Monthly dinner dates are mutually agreed upon and everyone brings a dish to share. Our focus is on getting to know our fellow parishioners, enjoying each other's company, and growing in our church community.

Sign-ups are being held now through Monday, January 28 for the February through May dinner groups. Please contact Kim and Tim Kazmier at kimkazmier@gmail.com or leave a message at (865) 966-9938 to become a part of this incredible ministry. We look forward to sharing a meal with you soon!

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

Open Doors welcomes Rev. Larry Best

The Open Doors class invites you to join them **this Sunday, January 27 at 9:40 a.m.** in the gym. Church Street has a thriving visitation program that includes retired clergy. Come learn about this important ministry that leaves its footprint in homes and hospitals throughout Knoxville and surrounding counties.



Preschool to host staff at Cocoa with the Kids

The preschool is opening up their doors and inviting the clergy and staff of Church Street to share snack-time with them on **Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m.** Students and staff enjoy interacting with each other over hot cocoa and treats during this annual informal get-together.

More than 29 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer: **"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since that day, \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through

Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving. Through this mission, people make a positive difference in the world as they collect food for the hungry in our community.

Beacon of Hope is proud to be a part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. It is BOH's biggest food collection drive of the year, providing much-needed food for the BOH Food Co-op.

This year, we're operating over two weekends: **Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, and the following Sunday, February 10**, when the Scout Troop 32 and Pack 32 from the Vestal area will partner with us.

We're asking for **canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat and, of course, soup.** Look for BOH collectors in our purple Souper Bowl shirts on Feb. 3 and 10, and help us feed our neighbors in need.

Lenten Devotionals

You are invited to take part by submitting an article for this year's Lenten Devotional book, authored by members of our congregation to be used throughout the season of Lent.

Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal experiences pertaining to this season. This is a wonderful opportunity to remember what Christ has done for you and to share your love, hope and faith with others. These inspirational booklets are provided to our congregation and homebound members, and are offered to viewers of *Rejoice!* They are a blessing to many.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the booklet will feature devotionals for each Sunday in Lent and for each day in Holy Week. Your devotion should include a title, a scripture verse reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer. **Submit devotionals to Barry Christmas at bearynoel@gmail.com by Monday, February 4.**

Calendar: Sunday, January 27 – Saturday, February 2

Worship

Worship
Sunday, 8:30 am, Nave
Sunday, 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am, WVLT-TV
Service of Healing and Wholeness
Sunday, 4 pm, Chapel
Noonday Service with Communion
Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel
(Lunch follows in room 118)

Sunday School–9:40 AM

Singles

Bridge Group
Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C
Yoga Class
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Friday Fun Night & Dance
Friday, 7 pm, Gym

Meetings & Ministry

Parish Health Ministry Team
Sunday, 12 pm, rm 204
Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
Sharing Shop
Monday, 12 pm, Gym
Communications Committee
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 201A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Gym

Spiritual Growth

Men of God
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 201A
Meditation & Prayer Group
Wednesday, 10:30 am, rm 211

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
Cocoa with the Kids (Preschool and church staff event)
Tuesday, 10 am, Preschool
Wednesday Lunch
Wed, 12:30 pm, room 118

Music

Kinder Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
Primary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
Chorister Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Youth

Resurrection in Pigeon Forge (1/25–1/27)
Friday, 5 pm, Youth Department
(eat dinner, meeting, depart)
Sunday, 3 pm, return to CSUMC
No NightLife on Sun. 1/27
resumes Sun. 2/3, 5:15 pm
Wesley House Tutoring
Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Wesley House
Youth Band
Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC 11
High School Prayer Breakfast
Thurs, 7:15 am, Chik-fil-A (W. Hills)

Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team
Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC
BOH Sharing Shop
Wednesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC

UMW

Lydia Circle
Friday, 12 pm, rm 119

CLERGY CORNER

Together, Let's Think About ... Gratitude

This past Sunday, Beth Stubbs, our Chair of Stewardship, shared some very sobering news in worship. It was important for us to hear. She shared where we are financially at the end of 2018 in our Operations Budget pledges and receipts. And she put it in the context of where we are headed in our pledges for 2019 thus far.

Today, I want to look at those important pieces of information in a little different way. I know that Beth and our Stewardship Team join me in expressing **gratitude** for faithful giving.

You probably realize that the very first act of worship recorded in the Bible is that of an offering. It is recorded in Genesis chapter 4. Isn't it interesting that the giving of an offering is recorded before any other action of worship?

I am glad to express **gratitude** to the many persons in Church Street who have given faithfully in 2018 toward our ministries and missions. Your giving is a strong statement of commitment. Thank you very much!

I feel certain, though I don't know for sure, that within the many persons who have given faithfully is another group – persons who have given their first fruits. These persons have chosen to honor God with the first and best of what has come into their hands.

I think about our giving toward our Ministries with children, youth and adults and our Music ministry. We are making an impact in people's life of faith in Jesus Christ. Our ministries with the Benevolence Team, Sharing Shop and Soup Kitchen are meeting people where they are. We are caring for the least, the last and the lost with the love of Jesus Christ.

We are glad for the trust God has in us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In worship and through *Rejoice!*, we lift up God's timeless and life changing message of grace and redemption. We visit the sick, care for the dying and pray with those whose souls need to be strengthened and stretched. We encourage one another to continually join us and stay on the path that leads to life. Of course, our Annual Operating Budget has NO endowment to underwrite it. It is supported entirely each year by the contributions from givers like you and me.

A lot is happening to the glory of God through our Annual Operating Budget. I am **grateful** for many of you who are faithfully supporting the work of God through Church Street UMC. And, I am **grateful** for the opportunity and privilege of joining with you in the action of being a giver.

God bless us in our faithful giving!

—REV. CHUCK STARKS

The table below shows our current financial summary. The Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and Stewardship Committee are aware of these figures and are working on a plan to move forward. We ask that you pray for these individuals in this decision-making process. If you have not made a pledge or would like to contribute in any way, please email Kate Spencer at kspencer@churchstreetumc.org.

Church Street United Methodist Church Financial Summary 2018 & 2019		
2018		
Pledge amount	\$1,713,637	361 pledges
Pledges received	\$1,439,931	
Pledges uncollected	\$273,706	
	Budget	Actual
Annual Revenue	\$2,796,175	\$2,543,686
Annual Expense	\$2,796,175	\$2,674,760
Year-end Budget deficit		\$131,074
2019		
2019 Pledges	\$1,427,171	292 pledges
2018 Pledges	\$1,713,637	361 pledges
Pledge Deficit	\$286,466	69 pledges
2019 Budget Revenue	\$2,453,191	at 2019 pledge amount
2019 Budget Expense	\$2,761,629	less than 2018
2019 Budget Deficit	\$308,438	



Beacon of Hope Parents say, "THANK YOU!"

This Christmas, a record 64 children from the Vestal community received Christmas gifts through the individuals and families of Church Street UMC. Our Giving Tree participants continue to provide blessings to those who struggle with low or no incomes and limited resources.

So many grateful parents expressed how much it meant to them to be able to place gifts for their children under their tree. Many asked that their thanks be conveyed to those who stepped in to help. So "THANK YOU" Church Street from the families of Vestal for the blessing of your kindness and generosity.

United Methodist Women welcomes Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe

Dr. Jean-Philippe is an associate professor of Urban Forestry in Wildlife and Fisheries at the University of Tennessee. She will be talking on the importance of trees and other vegetation in urban areas helping to fight pollution, create habitats for wildlife, and protect against flooding while also giving beauty to our city. She is a dynamic speaker and has many humorous stories to tell while also giving a practical message on being good stewards of our environment. There might even be a few tips on tree climbing!

Where: the Chapel

When: Tuesday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Who: All are invited

Luncheon (\$10) follows the program in the Parish Hall at noon. Reservations are requested; please contact the church office (524-3048) by Friday, Feb. 8. Contact Elaine Ralston (966-7215) to make childcare arrangements by Tuesday, Jan. 29 if needed.



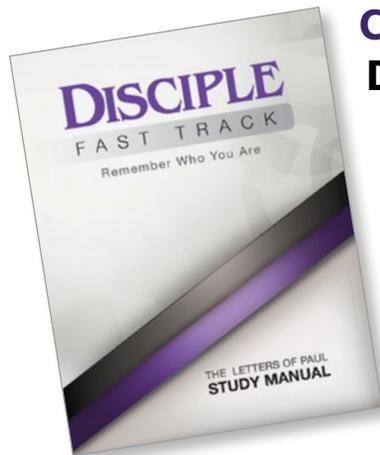
CPR & AED Training Monday, Feb. 25 from 6–9 p.m.

Church Street will host a CPR-AED Training Session on Monday, February 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in CLC 120. The training, presented by the American Heart Association, will teach participants CPR for infants, children and adults.

The session costs \$35 per person (payable night of the class; cash and checks) and will certify participants in CPR and AED training for two years. To register, [call the church office](#) by Feb. 20. For questions, contact John Hollingsworth at 865-806-4477.



American
Heart
Association.



COMING IN FEBRUARY: Disciple Fast Track

- 12 Week Study on the Letters of Paul
- Orientation/Information Session: Sunday, Feb. 3, 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday Study Sessions begin Feb. 17
- Contact Rev. Rick Isbell for more information, risbell@churchstreetumc.org

Meditation Group Forming

Both clergy and health professionals continue to outline the benefits of adding the practice of personal meditation to our lives. Stress reduction and inner calm are prime motivators for many adherents, but studies also indicate benefits such as lowered blood pressure, improved sleep, a heightened immunity to colds, and an overall sense of well-being. If you are interested in becoming part of this church group, or if you have questions, call or email Gene Flintner at 865-579-3304 (home), 865-743-7363 (mobile), gnsflint@charter.net.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

Book Discussion

Sunday, March 3
5:00–6:30 p.m.

It's time to start reading *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson. This academically challenging and spiritually and emotionally harrowing book is well worth your time. On March 3, we will discuss this book after covenanting together for respectful and authentic conversation. Celia Ferguson and Rev. Leah Burns will facilitate the discussion.

SINGLES EVENTS

Fourth Friday Game Night

Friday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. in CLC-124

Join us for game night on each fourth Friday night for an evening of fun and relaxation. Enjoy Mexican Train dominos, Phase 10, Monopoly, Sequence and other fun games or bring your favorite game. Bring a snack to share and a drink for yourself (ice, cups and tableware provided). We will gather at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and play till about 9:30. Host is John Waddell: [865-405-8538](tel:865-405-8538), j7waddell@aol.com for questions.

Dinner and a Movie

Saturday, January 26 at 4 p.m.

Meet at Jason's Deli on Peters Rd. at 4:00 p.m. for dinner and then to a movie to be decided on by the group. Our host is Lois Smith, [865-386-5647](tel:865-386-5647) to RSVP and information.

Friday Fun Night and Dance

Friday, February 1 at 7 p.m.

The Singles Ministry will host its monthly dance on **Friday, Feb. 1 from 8–10:30 p.m.** in the gym. Music will be played that is suitable for line dancing, swing, ballroom, country couples, and freestyle dance. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a line dance or couples dance lesson, starting at 7:15 p.m. Your \$8 admission (\$5.00 for students) includes the dance, lesson, soft drinks, snacks, birthday cake, and door prizes.

This event is a part of the ongoing outreach ministry of Church Street Singles. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Barb at barbarastinnett@charter.net

(Please wear shoes that will be kind to the newly refinished gym floor. Thank you!)

A Friendly Reminder about Parking

While we encourage everyone to use the convenient drop-off area at the new Welcome Center entrance, we ask that parking in the Magnolia Lot be reserved for vehicles bearing a handicap tag or plate, guests, and for those with special needs.

If you are able-bodied, please park in our other lots. Our Hospitality Ministry Team is striving to make parking as easy and accessible as possible by offering shuttle service to and from your parking lot via the golf carts. Carts are made available to ALL; please feel free to use them!

Thank
You

CHRISTMAS
LOVE OFFERING

The Church Street staff and clergy would like to convey our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of you who gave to the Staff Christmas Love Offering. We are touched deeply by your outpouring of generosity and thank you for your loving kindness.

—THE STAFF AND CLERGY OF CSUMC

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If your cell phone, home phone, address, or email has changed, please notify the church office

865-524-3048



Parish Hall chandeliers in production



Shown in the photo at left is one of the custom-made chandeliers being crafted. When complete, six of these will hang in the Parish Hall and one more will light the grand staircase.

Already, details are emerging that you may notice share characteristics of the chandeliers that hang in the Nave.



Our Prayers

In the hospital

Tennova North: Asa Bishop
UT: Jim Lees

Home from the hospital

Sharon Murphy

Christian love and sympathy to

Family and friends of Robert Bolling,
who died on Jan. 18, 2019.

Our Presence: January 20

Sunday School 302
Sunday Worship 570

Our Gifts: January 13

Received toward Budget \$ 25,168.46
Building for Christ Campaign \$ 866.00
Other \$ 3,283.00



Capital Campaign Update

Total Project: \$8,600,000
Total Received: \$6,995,532

2018 Extended Capital Campaign

Goal: \$2 million

Pledges received: 86 totaling \$1,387,693
Amount needed to avoid debt: \$612,307

(*As of December 31, 2018)

You may make a gift or pledge to the
Building for Christ project today by
contacting Kate Spencer at
kspencer@churchstreetumc.org

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

February 3

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

Robert C. Bolling

Joined: 10/10/1965 Died: 01/18/2019

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Tim Ward**
Music: David & Nancy Lineberger
- **Edie Johnson**
Music: David & Nancy Lineberger

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Linda Erwin**
Singles Ministry: Anonymous
- **John Gaddis**
Children's Ministry: Anonymous
- **Dr. Toombs H. Kay, Jr.**
Building Fund: Anne Trent

Altar Flowers

Sunday, January 27

The Chancel and Chapel altar flowers are given in loving memory of Frank and Edna Word and Roscoe and Janette Reeder Word by Frank and Clatty Word.

Have you remembered
Church Street UMC in your will?

The Sharing Shops

Thank you for continuing to share with our neighbors. Currently, we need:

- shampoo
- deodorant
- laundry detergent
- dishwashing liquid

We are NOT accepting clothing at this time.

Thank you for your generosity!

Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles that you wish to be published in the January 29 edition of *The Messenger* by **Sunday, Jan. 27 at midnight:**
jhill@churchstreetumc.org

Contact Us

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For emergencies, call the On-Call Number and the pastor on call will answer or you may leave a message and the pastor will return your call.

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